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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The City of Springfield and the entire State of Illinois have countless reasons to be proud of 2015 NBA Finals MVP Andre Iguodala; and

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WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala was born in Springfield on January 28, 1984; he graduated from Lanphier High School in 2002, where he excelled both academically and athletically, winning All-Conference academic honors, winning the State Journal-Register Student-Athlete of the Week several times, and placing on the National Honor Roll; as a senior, he led his team to a second-place finish at the Illinois High School Association Class AA State Tournament; that season, he averaged 23.5 points, 7.8 rebounds, and 4.1 assists per game; he was named the Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year and a Second Team Parade All-American and Nike All-American; his Number 41 jersey was retired by Lanphier High School in 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala attended Arizona University and was drafted by the Philadelphia 76ers with the 9th overall pick in the 2004 NBA Draft; during his 11 years of playing in the NBA, he has spent time with the Philadelphia 76ers, the Denver Nuggets, and the Golden State Warriors; and

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WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala is one of the most dependable

1 players in the NBA, having started in 758 consecutive games
2 prior to the 2014-2015 season; and

3 WHEREAS, During the 2015 NBA Finals, Andre Iguodala
4 averaged 16.3 points, 5.8 rebounds, 4 assists, and 1.3 steals
5 per game; in the clinching game, he collected 25 points, 5
6 assists, and 5 rebounds; and

7 WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala was named the NBA Finals Most
8 Valuable Player, becoming the first NBA Champion and NBA Finals
9 MVP from Springfield; and

10 WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala also won an Olympic Gold Medal with
11 the 2012 USA Men's Basketball Team; and

12 WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala has numerous accomplishments
13 giving back to the Springfield community as well as playing for
14 the NBA; and

15 WHEREAS, Andre Iguodala and his family started the Andre
16 Iguodala Youth Foundation to inspire and empower youth through
17 combining education and athletic programs to motivate
18 children; the organization sponsors numerous events each year
19 to improve the lives of families in the Springfield area, such
20 as a basketball camp and a Thanksgiving dinner giveaway to
21 hundreds of Springfield families in need; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2006, Andre Iguodala and his parents set up a
2 disaster relief fund to assist Springfield residents impacted
3 by a tornado; the fund raised over \$35,000 for local relief
4 efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, The Iguodala family continues to give back to
6 central Illinois, including his brother, Frank, who played
7 collegiate basketball at Lake Land College in Mattoon and the
8 University of Dayton in Ohio; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
11 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of
12 Illinois Route 97 from 9th Street to Veterans Parkway in
13 Springfield as "Honorary Andre Iguodala Drive"; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
16 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
17 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
18 giving notice of the name "Honorary Andre Iguodala Drive"; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to Andre Iguodala and the Andre Iguodala Youth

1 Foundation to celebrate his dedication and service to
2 Springfield and the State of Illinois.